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House Bills

HB 2230 by Representatives Cody, Pflug, Linville, G. Chandler and Quall

Revising state health and employment support benefits for incapacitated or disabled individuals.

Finds that there is a compelling public interest in eliminating barriers to work by continuing needed health care coverage for individuals with disabilities who enter and maintain employment.

Declares an intent to strengthen the state's policy of supporting individuals with disabilities in leading fully productive lives by supporting the implementation of the federal ticket to work and work incentives improvement act of 1999, Public Law 106-170. This shall include improving incentives to work by continuing coverage for health care and support services, by seeking federal funding for innovative programs, and by exploring options which provide individuals with disabilities a choice in receiving services needed to obtain and maintain employment.

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Apr 2 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2231 by Representative Clements

Calculating wage replacement benefits.

Provides that, for the sole purpose of calculating wage replacement benefits and death benefits under RCW 51.32.050, 51.32.060, and 51.32.090, the cost actually paid by the employer for any medical and dental insurance provided to the worker at the time of injury shall be added to the worker's total monthly wages under this act. This provision shall not apply during any period in which the employer continues the same level of medical and dental benefits that were provided at the time of injury.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 2 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

Senate Bills

SB 5094-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators T. Sheldon, Sheahan, Gardner, Honeyford, Hargrove and Costa)

Authorizing sales and use tax exemptions for call centers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a sales and use tax exemption on machinery and equipment and buildings used by businesses that establish call centers in distressed areas of the state.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 2 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5344-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Spanel, Fairley, Zarelli and Fraser; by request of Governor Locke)

Providing funds for the state legislative building renovation.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, for the purpose of providing funds for the planning, design, construction, and other necessary costs for the rehabilitation of the state legislative building, the state finance committee is authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of eighty-two million five hundred ten thousand dollars or as much as may be required to finance the improvements defined in the legislative building rehabilitation plan and all costs incidental thereto.

Appropriates eighty-one million six hundred eighty-one thousand dollars in the 2001-2003 biennium from the capitol historic district construction account to the department of general administration for expenses related to the planning, design, construction, and other necessary costs for the rehabilitation of the state legislative building construction.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 2 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR 8414 by Senators Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, Carlson and Rasmussen

Establishing a blue ribbon task force to study opportunities to expand public and private scholarship and financial aid support for students in higher education in Washington state.

Establishes a blue ribbon task force to study opportunities to expand public and private scholarship and financial aid support for students in higher education in Washington state.

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Apr 3 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

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